THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

HUANG ET AL.

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EXAMINER: J. LIN

FOR: MICROPARTICLE-BASED METHODS AND SYSTEMS AND APPLICATIONS

THEREOF

RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION MAILED JULY 3, 2006

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicants respond to the Non-Final Office Action mailed on July 3, 2006. A Petition for an Extension of Time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) and the requisite fee for a two-month extension of time accompany this response. Please amend the above-referenced application as follows and consider the following remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.